

ers' stand over the auditorium one saw the rude backless seats which accommodated the worshippers. They were thick boards supported on logs, which were laid length-wise on either side of the aisles, and which had to be stepped across to get to the seats. When the ground was damp, clean dry straw was spread under foot, making the place comfortable and safe. Overhead the interlacing branches of the forest trees formed an agreeable shade, through which the sky shone, blue or grey, or dark and star-bespangled, as the case might be. The wind stirred the leaves, which whispered to each other; or, if the wind was strong, they joined their voices to those of the lake, and the air was full of a rush which sometimes almost drowned the voice of the speaker. To the right, and back of the preachers' stand, there was erected, in the later years of the camp-meeting, the huge barn-like structure which they called the "Tabernacle." Only on rainy days was this place used for meetings, the out-door auditorium being much pleasanter. This building was removed when the present temple was built.

The circle was formed then by the row of tents which stood where the cottages of the auditorium now stand, and this circle with what it enclosed formed the campground. No tents or cottages were seen outside of this, as I remember it, and the nearest building was the farm-house of Mr. Russ, which stood among the apple trees near the present site of Lake View House.

At night the scene was lighted by fires of pine knots and roots, burning upon the six high, square platforms which were placed at intervals around the circle. They were supported on stout posts and were five or six feet high. Strong wooden floors, covered with a foot or